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FOR AMBASSADOR UNGER AND CHIEF, MAAG FROM STAFFORD, MANAGER
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ANALYSIS AND GAO LIAISON (BF-GAO) FEM-0-76-62

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SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW OF COPRODUCTION PROJECTS

THE UNITED STATES GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE IS INITIATING
A REVIEW OF CERTAIN COPRODUCTION PROGRAMS. THE REVIEW OF THE
M-16 RIFLE PROJECT IN THE PHILIPPINES HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND
WE PLAN TO INITIATE ON MAY 3, 1976, A STUDY OF THE F-5 AIRCRAFT
PROJECT IN TAIWAN. THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND DEFENSE WERE
ADVISED OF THIS REVIEW BY LETTERS DATED FEBRUARY 25, 1976, AND
PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD WITH STATE AND DEFENSE
REPRESENTATIVES IN WASHINGTON DURING MARCH 1976.

THE OBJECTIVE OF THE REVIEW IS TO OBTAIN AN INSIGHT INTO
SELECTED COPRODUCTION PROJECTS. DURING THIS REVIEW WE PLAN TO
MAKE AN INDEPENDENT APPRAISAL OF THE SUCCESS OF COPRODUCTION AS
A TOOL IN IMPLEMENTING THE FOREIGN MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
AND THE EXTENT THAT INTENDED BENEFITS SUCH AS STANDARDIZATION
AND EXPANDING U.S. ALLIES' MILITARY TECHICAL KNOWN-HOW IN-
COUNTRY PRODUCTION CAPABILITIES HAVE BEEN REALIZED.

TO ACCOMPLISH OUR OBJECTIVE, WE WILL OBTAIN THE VIEWS OF
PROJECT OFFICIALS AND REVIEW PERTINENT RECORDS AND REPORTS.
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WE ESTIMATE THAT THE REVIEW IN TAIWAN WILL TAKE TWO MEN

APPROXIMATELY 4 WEEKS STARTING THE WEEK OF MAY 3, 1976.

THE REVIEW WILL BE PERFORMED BY THE FOLLOWING GAO REPRESENTATIVES UNDER THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF JAMES N. STAFFORD, MANAGER, BANGKOK OFFICE, USGAO:

C. ROBERT DUMONT, SUPERVISOR

RICHARD R. PLAMONDON

I CERTIFY THAT MESSRS. DUMONT AND PLAMONDON HAVE BEEN GRANTED SECURITY CLEARANCE FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES FOR ACCESS TO SECURITY INFORMATION CLASSIFIED UP TO AND INCLUDING TOP SECRET ON THE BASIS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 10450. THIS CERTIFICATION IS NOT TO BE HONORED UNLESS THE REPRESENTATIVES NAMED HEREIN PRESENT OFFICIAL GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE CREDENTIALS.

MESSRS. DUMONT AND PLAMONDON PLAN TO ARRIVE TAIPEI ON MAY 2 VIA TG 610 AT 1740. REQUEST LODGING RESERVATIONS (TWO SINGLES) AT THE ROMA HOTEL FOR THE PERIOD MAY 2 THROUGH MAY 28, AND TRANSPORTATION FROM THE AIRPORT TO HOTEL ON MAY 2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE INTRODUCTORY MEETINGS WITH F-5 PROJECT OFFICIALS AND BRIEFINGS ON THE PROJECT TO BE SCHEDULED BEGINNING MAY 3, 1976. WHITEHOUSE

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